

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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ACUPUNCTURE THERAPY

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether `Acupuncture Therapy` can cure even those diseases which are behind to be incurable;
- (b) if so, whether this therapy succeeded in pertaining to ear, eye and liver;
- (c) whether the Government have a proposal to encourage physicians practicing modern pathies to take keen interest in this therapy keeping in view its success; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a): According to ICMR, Acupuncture therapy is stated to be useful for several diseases.WHO has recognized Acupuncture as a traditional mode of treatment for diseases connected with Respiratory, Occular Gastro-intestinal neurological and musculoskeletal conditions.

(b): Acupuncture therapy is useful in treating various diseases including those relates to eye, ear and liver.

(c)&(d): No such proposal is envisaged.